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## FORT ATTACKED IN DEAD OF NIGHT

Land Forces Score Great Victory In Hampton Roads.

## BAY ABLAZE WITH FLASHING GUNS

Invading Fleet Annihilated By Rain of Shells From Forts. Vessels Crept Up Stealthily in Heavy Fog—Great Mortars Used for First Time.

(Special Over Long Distance Phone From a Staff Correspondent.)

PORT MONROE, June 12.—A M.—Fort Monroe is being attacked. The bay is ablaze with the flash of broadsides, and the roar of the great guns has started the neighboring towns from their slumbers. Several ships have been sunk or blown up by mines. The assault, though a surprise, has been vigorously repelled.

The first shot was fired at 2:25 A. M. Heavy rain has been falling throughout the night, and, though the down-pour had ceased, a thick mist from the sea hung over the field of operations and screened the movements of the invaders. The searchlights worked but poorly through the fog. One from Willoughby Spit and three from Fort Monroe were turned upon the mist, but with indifferent success. The fleet had crept within six miles before it was located, and even then the boom of a gun was the first indication of its presence. Twelve shots were fired before the forts answered. Then Fort Humphreys blazed and, an instant later all the land guns were splitting fire vigorously in the direction of the enemy.

**Saw Them in Mists.**  
The vessels were dimly discernible in the mist. Without lights they stole into the bay, hidden behind a tug towing two large coal barges. The white Texas came first, then the old wooden cruiser Hartford, the dispatch boat Chesapeake and one torpedo boat, which was nesting in behind the tug.

The line halted just out of reach of the searchlights and opened fire. The lights were instantly extinguished in the air, to prevent them from proving an easy mark. The little scout boat from the forts sought refuge behind the Rip Raps, and a moment later the battle was on.

The scene was wonderful. At one instant an ink blackness shrouded every inch of the bay. Suddenly a blinding flash would light up the scene with the intensity of the noonday sun, and then all would be black and quiet again for a breath. The almost ceaseless roar kept up from land and sea until finally the fleet was in full view. The ships dashed by within two miles of the fort, the Texas still leading, and the others following one after another. The little torpedo boat was plunging at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

Huge iron shells from the forts, throwing 1,000-pound projectiles, used for the first time, pounded the fleet to atoms. The mines sown in the harbor then blew up what was left of it. Then the forts were victorious. The land was safe, and the terrified people went back to bed to slumber peacefully again.

The annihilated fleet disappeared behind the Rip Raps, the vessels sending up colored rockets as they went, indicating that they were through for the night. There are signs of activity from another quarter. It is expected that another division of the enemy is approaching. The forts are ready for it.

The attack is a great surprise. The condition of the weather is decidedly favorable to the fleet, which successfully broke its way through the almost impenetrable fog. Besides it had been whispered abroad here that the attack would be made on Washington to-night. Few, if any, suspected the real movement. So confident were we that the capital was the objective that many newspapers were not even mentioned for Washington. It is still believed that a portion of the fleet went north.

## SLEEPLESS NIGHT AWAITING ATTACK

Forts on Qui Vive for Sign of Enemy—Searchlights at Work.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.)

PORT MONROE, VA., June 12.—The fierce dows of war were unleashed last night at midnight. In an instant, lights dashed behind all the batteries, a dozen searchlights made the bay as light as day, and the incessant watch began that will end only at midday Saturday. The garrison at the fort was all on edge with anticipation, and Colonel Potts confidently expected an attack.

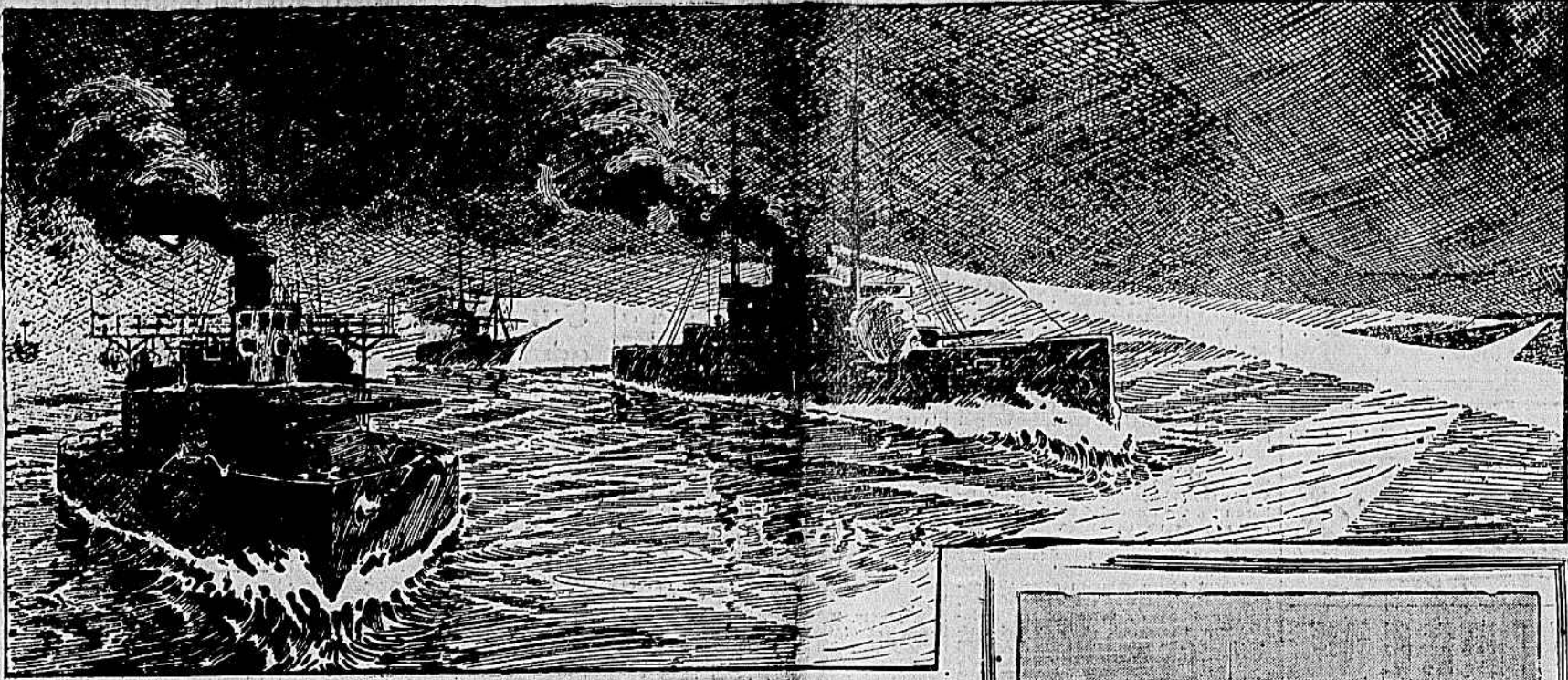
Desire is not always fulfilled, however, no matter how worthy; for the defense, like a modest maiden, must patiently, if anxiously, keep quiet and wait advances, often hostile, yet for the most part, ending in peace. Last night the fort gave evidence of willingness, for her scout boats steamed far out towards the capes, and her searchlights indicated the channels for the approach to make the attacking fleet, and yet not a move was made by Admiral Dickins's squadron.

Now and then a sailing vessel or a passing tug or steamer would be "picked up" by the great white columns of the searchlights, which held and followed their victim mercilessly until the mine field had been passed.

**Pilots Indignant.**  
The indignation of the pilots was laughable, for with such powerful glare held upon the boat it was almost impossible to navigate, and the sharp, quick blasts of the whistle sounded like angry entreaties to be gone.

In Port Monroe, sentries were posted everywhere with orders so strict that no one was allowed to move about without a pass signed by the commandant.

## ADMIRAL DICKINS'S SQUADRON UNEXPECTEDLY ATTACKS BALTIMORE, BUT THE FORTS QUICKLY VANQUISH SHIPS



## COVERED MILE IN 28 SECONDS

Pennsylvania "Flyer" Accomplishes Amazing Speed in Race to West.

## RAILWAY RECORDS BROKEN

Average Speed of Mile a Minute Easily Maintained for Long Distances.

## Some Fast Records.

VERAGE speed per hour made by the fastest regular scheduled long distance trains in the world is as follows:  
Pennsylvania Special—New York to Chicago, 304 miles..... 52.4  
Pennsylvania Special—New York to Pittsburgh, 426.4 miles..... 54.3  
Sud Express—Paris to Bayonne, 456 miles..... 55.0  
Empire State Express—New York to Buffalo, 435.5 miles..... 53.2  
East Express—London to Edinburgh, 385.5 miles..... 50.6  
West Coast Express—London to Glasgow, 401 miles..... 50.1  
Twentieth Century Limited—New York to Chicago, 363.5 miles (schedule not yet in force)..... 53.4  
The Pennsylvania "Flyer," in making up last time yesterday, raced for miles at a speed of from 44 to 50 seconds. An average speed of a mile a minute was easily maintained over long stretches of track.

(By Associated Press.)  
FORT WAYNE, IND., June 12.—The westbound Pennsylvania "Flyer" passed through today seventeen minutes late, but the train was running on schedule at Plymouth. The 131 miles from Crestline, O., to Port Wayne, were run in 115 minutes. The fastest time was made near Ada, O., where three miles were covered in eighty-five seconds or at the rate of a mile in twenty-eight and one-third seconds, breaking all world's rail-way speed records. This at the rate of 127.3 miles an hour.

## Terrific Speed.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, June 12.—On its initial run from New York, the Pennsylvania Railroad's eighteen hour "Flyer," the fastest long distance train in the world, arrived in this city at 8:52 o'clock this morning, three minutes ahead of schedule time. "In order to accomplish this feat, extraordinary achievements in the way of fast running were necessary. After leaving Pittsburgh, the tender of the big Atlantic type engine, which had been attached at that city for the run to Crestline, Ohio, developed a hot box about twenty miles east of Mansfield.

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## CZAR APPROVES PLAN FOR LEGISLATIVE BODY

To Have Upper and Lower House With Emperor at Head. Epoch-Making Move.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—The Russian experiment in parliamentarism will begin in September. The Associated Press is now in a position to make this positive announcement. The Emperor has already given his approval to the scheme now being finally but formally reviewed by the Council of State for a bicameral legislative body, consisting of a lower house called the Gosudarstvennaya Duma, "Imperial Duma," and an upper house, Gosudarstvennaya Sovet, or the present council of the empire, with power to formulate legislation, discuss the budget, interpellate ministers, etc., but reserving in the Emperor's own hands the final authority. The decision will take place during the coming summer.

## The Gaditano Sunk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PORT TAMPA, FLA., June 12.—The Spanish steamer Gaditano, forced ashore at Fort Ingle, has been raised and brought here in tow of the tug Rescue. She will proceed in a week to Newport News.

## THREE KILLED IN DESPERATE DUEL

Family Feud in Tennessee Ends in Death Grapple in Blacksmith Shop.

## ONE FAMILY IS WIPED OUT

Will and John Holland the Last of Their Name Except Their Parents.

(By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, TENN., June 12.—Three men met instant death and a fourth was fatally wounded in a duel fought to-day in a blacksmith shop at Thorn Hill, four miles from Tate Springs, Tenn., and sixty miles northeast of this city.

The dead men are: John and Will Holland, brothers, and Will Bundgren, all white and members of well-known families. The wounded man is Clint Winkle, a negro, supposed to have been in the employ of Bundgren. Enmity has existed between the Holland and Bundgren families for the past four years. It grew out of the killing of Colonel John Crozier by Bruce Bundgren, father of the man killed to-day, for which crime the elder Bundgren was serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. Trouble which threatened Sunday was avoided, but to-day Bundgren, accompanied by the negro, entered the blacksmith shop of the Hollands, and after a few words, firing began. Twenty shots were fired, and when the smoke had cleared away, three men lay dead on the floor of the shop and the fourth was mortally wounded. The Hollands used Winchester, and Bundgren and Winkle used pistols.

Will Holland and Bundgren were married men, aged 35 and 25, respectively. John Holland was 23 and unmarried. The death of the Hollands wiped out the entire family with the exception of the parents.

## McROCCO GRANTING CONCESSIONS TO KAISER

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)  
TANGIER, June 12.—According to reports from a private authoritative source, the Governor of Morocco has granted a contract for the construction of a new port and new docks at Tangier to a German company. It is generally believed Germany will obtain new concessions from the Sultan for a similar purpose in the near future.

## Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, June 12.—Broadway Central, N. E. Russell and wife; St. Denis, O. W. Hutchinson; Everett, R. Trowbridge and wife; Fifth Avenue, Alan, P. S. Miller; P. S. Campbell and wife; Navarre, H. L. Bloomberg; Rosemore, O. A. Keen.

## POINTER ON THE WEATHER

FORECAST—For At 1 A. M.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday with variable winds. North Carolina—Fair Tuesday in interior clearing on the coast; Wednesday fair; light northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

## CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was warm and showery. Range of the Thermometer: 9 A. M. 70 8 P. M. 81 12 A. M. 75 9 P. M. 70 12 Midday 76 Average 75.4-3  
Highest temperature yesterday..... 83  
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 61  
Mean temperature yesterday..... 70  
Normal temperature for June..... 72  
Departure from normal temperature..... -2  
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .02

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises..... 4:50 HIGH TIDE..... 12:51  
Sun sets..... 7:23 Morning..... 12:51  
Moon sets..... 2:14 Evening..... 12:51

## RYAN ORGANIZING GIANT TRUST CO.

Will Be Largest Concern of Its Kind in the Country.

## CLEVELAND WRITES WARNING PEOPLE

Control of Subsidiary Companies By Equitable Will Be Eliminated—Ryan's Statement and the Ex-President's Letter.

What New Movement Really Means.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 12.—The organization of the largest trust company in the United States, and one of the largest financial institutions of the world, was said to-day to be a part of the plan of Thomas F. Ryan in negotiating the purchase of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society held by James H. Hyde. Mr. Ryan's plan was reported to-day to be to consolidate the Equitable Trust Company, the Mercantile Trust Company and the Morton Trust Company, all of this city, with the last named in control. It is expected that this would result in creating a financial institution with deposits of \$18,000,000. The deposits of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Mr. Ryan's plan was reported to-day to contemplate also the elimination of the control of subsidiary companies by the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

**Ryan's Statement.**  
In response to a request for further details concerning the purchase of the Hyde stock, Mr. Ryan gave out the following statement:

"The purchase of the stock was absolute and free from any condition or commitment as to future action. The general conditions of the trusteeship of the stock have already been announced in the letter to Mr. Cleveland. The deed of trust is now being prepared, and will be made public in due course."

"After a little reflection, I have determined I ought to accept this service. I assume this duty upon the express condition that so far as the trustees are to be vested with discretion in the selection of directors, they are to be absolutely free and undisturbed in the exercise of their judgment; and that, so far as they are to act formally in voting for the directors, they are to be completely helpless against the afflictive visitations of fate."

"The character of this business is such that those who manage and direct it are charged with a grave trust for those who necessarily must rely on them."

## Cleveland's Letter.

Former President Cleveland has written a letter to Thomas F. Ryan concerning the trusteeship of the stock of the Equitable, which he accepts. The letter was made public to-day, and is in part as follows:

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## SELECT SITE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Finance Committee Pratically Decide on Woman's College.

## CONFER WITH SCHOOL BOARD

The Committee on Finance met yesterday afternoon in secret session to take up the various questions relating to the proposed new High School building, and while the members declined to discuss the deliberations of the meeting with representatives of the press, it may be stated upon authority that the body practically determined to purchase the Woman's College site for the structure.

Again, it is true, that the committee did not touch the question of plans in any remote form, and decided before taking definite action on the question of site to invite the School Board to a conference, at a date yet to be named, which will be agreeable to the latter body.

The matter of cost was not considered except in a casual and unofficial way, and it developed that the Finance Committee, while reserving the right to have a say in all these matters will yet be pleased to have advice and cooperation from both the School Board and the special joint committee on the proposed new High School building.

The question of it all will be, if present indications are worth considering, that the Woman's College site will be purchased; that the cost of the entire building and lot will be something like \$300,000, and that the Bryant plans will be finally chosen, upon which the structure will be modeled.

**KICKED TO DEATH.**  
Fate of a Well-to-Do Business Man of Charlotte.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 12.—Mr. P. A. Osborne, a well-to-do grocery merchant of Charlotte, died at his home, in Dilworth, this afternoon, as the result of the kick of a horse.

Yesterday morning, while Mr. Osborne's two horses were grazing in the pasture adjoining his home, the owner, with the intention of stabling the animals, caught one by the bridle and playfully slapped the other on the flank. The horse turned suddenly and kicked Mr. Osborne viciously on the right side just above the hip. He suffered excruciating pain until this afternoon, when death brought relief.

Internal injuries were inflicted. The deceased was 57 years of age and is survived by a wife and three children.

## 18 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 18 advertisements for help published in today's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

1 Office. 5 Domestic.  
5 Trades. 5 Miscellaneous.  
1 Agent. 1 Salesman.

This not only interest those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

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## ROOSEVELT AT A COUNTRY CHURCH

Came Late, Sat Far Back and Left Before Congratulation.

## SENATOR MARTIN MADE A CALL

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., June 12.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been staying at what might be called the little hunting lodge in the forests of Albemarle, arose at 9:30 Sunday morning and walked to Christ Church, three-quarters of a mile away. Services began there at 11:30. The President and his wife reached the church after the people had assembled, sat near the door, and left before the rest of the congregation. One of the Wilmer brothers accompanied them home, where they had lunch, and then drove to Red Hill, where they took the train for Washington.

Everything in the way of entablatures was sent over from Plain Dealing, and Mrs. Roosevelt then added the finishing touches.

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Mrs. A. G. Bell and Mrs. J. P. Blair visited Esmont Friday and were invited to assist in starting the machinery of the new funding mill there. Miss Williams, of Esmont, pulled the cord, and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Blair pressed the levers, which set the machinery in motion.

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## BORROWED RAZOR AND SLASHED HIS THROAT

Man, Claiming Danville, Va., As Home, Kills Himself in Ohio Jail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWARK, OHIO, June 12.—Martin Kelly, aged forty-five, who claimed Danville, Va., as his home, committed suicide to-day in the Newark jail. Stopping in the jail bath room, he cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor borrowed from a fellow-prisoner. Kelly's head was almost severed, and he died immediately.

Saturday the man was found naked, wandering through the woods near Louisville, Ohio. When arrested and brought here the prisoner said he lost his clothing trying to escape from officers who wanted a \$25 reward offered for his arrest. Kelly was to be tried for insanity to-day. Nothing is known of Kelly's family. He was arrested Saturday he claimed to have come from Pittsburgh, but to-day gave Danville, Va., as his residence. Officers are endeavoring to locate relatives before burying his remains.

## English Exchanges Closed.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, June 12.—All the London and Liverpool markets were closed to-day, this being Whit Monday.

## ENVOYS TO HAVE PLENARY POWER; PLACE DISCUSSED

President, Cassini and Takahara Hold Conference at White House.

## WITTE ON WAY TO UNITED STATES

Both Nations Unfavorable to Washington—Newport Being Mentioned.

## RUSSIA OFFICIALLY ACCEPTS PROPOSAL

Representatives Will Be Empowered to Conclude Temporary Suspension of Hostilities—Feared Japan's Terms May Be Exacting—Line-vitch for War.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Official assurance that the President's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together to discuss peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House to-day by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who called by appointment, and, in the name of Emperor Nicholas, formally accepted the President's "offer of good will."

The following official statement regarding the conference was issued at the White House:

"Ambassador Cassini has called to express the Russian government's assent to the President's proposition, and to state that they would appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the plenipotentiaries of Japan to discuss the question of peace. The place of meeting is at present being discussed."

## Will Not Select Washington.

Count Cassini called at the White House again to-night by appointment to discuss with the President the selection of a place for the conference. On one point Count Cassini and Mr. Takahira are agreed, and that is the undesirability of Washington for a midsummer conference, though neither would oppose the selection of an American watering place, and among those already mentioned are Newport and Manchester-by-the-Sea.

It is understood in high official quarters here that Marquis Ito, Baron Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and General Yamagata, chief of staff, are the three under consideration by the Emperor of Japan as plenipotentiaries, and that the inclination of the belligerents is that each select two plenipotentiaries. Mr. Nelidoff is understood to have been tentatively selected by Russia.

## Ambassadors Meet.

During the past two weeks the President's efforts have been directed toward bringing the belligerents into amicable contact on the basis of a mutual agreement to consider terms of peace. This he accomplished finally to-day. It remains now for the belligerent powers to name their plenipotentiaries and agree upon a time and place for the meeting. Holst, who has been invited to negotiate a treaty of peace. These details are now under consideration, with a bright prospect that such minor differences as may exist will be resolved within a few days.

Conferences of supreme importance were held to-day in Washington. The blue room of the White House was the scene, and President Roosevelt, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, and Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, were the principal conferees. President Roosevelt, through Ambassador Cassini, suggested that the plenipotentiaries from both Russia and Japan of the acceptance of his proposition that they enter on negotiations for peace.

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## President As Intermediary.

It can be said that the place of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries of the two governments has not been finally selected. In the arrangement of this detail and others of like importance, President Roosevelt is acting as an intermediary between Russia and Japan. Russia, through Ambassador Cassini, has indicated her preference for one place for the holding of the peace conference; and Japan, through Minister Takahira, has suggested another. It is intimated officially that an agreement on the place of holding the conference may be determined in a few days, but no suggestion except of negative character of the choice of either of the belligerents is obtainable. It is known that neither Wash-